

# FRIDAY BULLETIN

NEWS FROM THE ALASKA DIVISION OF LIBRARIES, ARCHIVES & MUSEUMS

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## NEWS FROM L.A.M.S IN ALASKA

### IMAGINATION LIBRARIES SUCCESS IN ALASKA

The [January 2016 Alaska Best Beginnings E-Newsletter](#) had this bit of cheerful news:

In January, 30 local [Imagination Libraries](#) served 21,240 children in 105 communities all over Alaska. That means 39 percent of Alaska children under five receive their very own book every month.

For other Best Beginnings news, see the [full newsletter](#).

## OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

### FORMER ALASKAN TEACHES GENEALOGY CLASS

Tahitia McCabe worked for the Alaska State Library in the early 2000s and emigrated to Scotland where she now heads up the graduate program in genealogical studies at the University of Strathclyde in Glasgow. She let us know about a class she will be teaching:

**Genealogy: Researching Your Family Tree** is a free MOOC (massive online open course) running from 14 March for six weeks. The course has been created by tutors working at a graduate programme in genealogical studies but this is a course for absolute beginners to genealogy, with no previous experience required. From the course description:

This free online course will help you develop an understanding of the basic genealogy techniques and how to communicate your family history. We will consider how to effectively find and analyse sources and explore the potential of DNA testing as applied to genealogy. We'll help you add historical context to your family history and discuss how to record and communicate research findings in a clear fashion.

We'll get you to define what you want to research, and consider the best ways to go about finding and storing information on your family tree. The key challenge of genealogy – finding the right person among a number of possible candidates, with ever-changing spellings of surnames – will be considered.

We'll conclude by introducing the main types of tools genealogists use to communicate their research finds, including creating a family tree and look at how to write a meaningful family history.

For further information and a short introductory video and to register for the free course, please visit <https://www.futurelearn.com/courses/genealogy>.

We really appreciate this global outreach from this former Alaska resident and State Library coworker.

### **CHECK OUT A MUSEUM (SEATTLE)**

Amy Carney (Alaska State Library) posted this note to the AkLA-L list that we thought deserved to be shared with museums staff as well:

For libraries and museums who are working together or looking for ways to partner together more, I ran across Seattle Public Library's "Check Out a Museum" which allows a cardholder to print out a free pass to a participating museum. Owning a library card really can open up the world around you!

<http://www.spl.org/library-collection/museum-pass>

We would definitely be interested in hearing about similar partnerships in Alaska.

## **92% OF COLLEGE STUDENTS PREFER PRINT BOOKS TO E-BOOKS, STUDY FINDS [LOS ANGELES TIMES]**

A recent survey of 300 college students in the United States, Slovakia, Japan and Germany found that 92% of respondents preferred to read in print. Read more in:

*92% of college students prefer print books to e-books, study finds*

Schaub, Michael, Los Angeles Times, 2/8/2016

<http://www.latimes.com/books/jacketcopy/la-et-jc-92-percent-college-students-prefer-paper-over-pixels-20160208-story.html>

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